

## SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

News and information for persons with disabilities and their families, friends and employers



### 2019 Schedule

#### September 2019

Pain Awareness Month

Sept 2 - Labor Day - CLOSED

Sept 8 - Grandparents Day

Sept 11 - Patriot's Day

Sept 8—14 - National Suicide Prevention Week

Sept 15—21 National Rehab Awareness Week

Sept 21 & 22 - Kunstfest - New Harmony, Indiana

Sept 23 - Fall Begins

#### October 2019

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

National ADHD Awareness Month

National Bullying Prevention Month

Oct 10 - World Mental Health Day

Oct 14 - Columbus Day

Oct 28 - National Chocolate Day

#### November 2019

American Diabetes Month

National Adoption Month

National Family Caregivers Month

Nov 3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 5 - Election Day

Nov 11 - Veterans Day

Nov 21 - Great American Smoke Out

Nov 28 - Thanksgiving - CLOSED

Nov 29 - Black Friday - CLOSED

#### CARF

Easterseals Rehabilitation Center has just finished the process of being reviewed for accreditation on July 24, 25, and 26 by CARF. We are hoping to get our results in the next few weeks. CARF is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. They were founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities.

#### New Staff

Have you been out to visit the workshop lately? You have probably seen new staff faces and clients.

Catherine Magnan was hired in February as a Rehab Coordinator. She is married and they are currently expecting their third child. Catherine has learned to drive the fork truck, the Sabic Training and the CPR/First Aid Training. ESPC is lucky to have her aboard.

Kim Adams was hired in May as the Administrative Assistant. She is a lifelong resident of Mt Vernon with a Bachelors Degree from USI. She and her husband, Jon, have two grown children. Kim's desire to help others has been a motivating factor through out her life. She looks forward to each day here at ESPC.

Welcome aboard, Kim.

Carmen Barnett was hired in June as a Rehab Coordinator. She has gained her Sabic training as well as the CPR/First Aid Training. Carmen is fun, upbeat and enjoys working here. She likes talking and helping the people where help is needed. Welcome, Carmen.

Hannah Floyd was hired in July as Rehab Coordinator. Hannah has past experience in this field. She is currently single but getting married soon to the love of her life. Hannah wasted no time learning to drive the fork truck, Sabic training, Core A and B training and CPR/First AID. ESPC is happy to have her aboard.

We are so excited to have these individuals join our staff.

Welcome aboard!



**Posey County Special Olympics**  
**BOWLING WILL BEGIN SOON!!**

Where: **Posey Lanes**

When: -Tuesday , August 20 @ 3:00 pm

**For Ages 8-25**

- Wednesday , August 21 @ 3:00 pm

**For Ages 26 and over**

All bowling practices are held

At Posey Lanes in

Mt Vernon this year.

Everyone needs to

Get there early and



**Annual Frog Follies benefits**

**Easterseals**

**AUGUST 23-25**

The E'ville Iron Frog Follies Street Rod Show takes over the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center AUG. 23-25! See approx. 4,000 pre-1949 street rods, enter the Easterseals Rehab Center half-pot and enjoy a host of other activities. For more info, call 812-428-FROG.



**"Dine Out for Easterseals"**

Dine Out for Easterseals is now a monthly fund raiser which will have different restaurants participating. Each will donate a % back to the Easterseals Rehab Center to help fund therapy for local kids & adults with disabilities!

For more details visit:

<http://www.easterseals.com/in-sw/get-involved/events/dine-out/dine-out-for-easterseals.html>

**Posey County Special Olympics**

**Summer Games Results**

This summer the Posey County Special Olympics took a group of individuals to the Indiana State Games which were held at Terre Haute—ISU from June 7 through June 9.

The following individuals placed at the events:

Chris C—2nd in 4x100 relay, 3rd in shot put, 5th in 200 meter dash

Destin C—3rd in 400 meter walk, 5th in 4x100 relay, 7th in shot put

Jeremy K—participated in the 50 meter dash

Jason H—Silver Medal in Bocce Unified Team

Adam K—Silver Medal in Bocce Unified Team

Vicki R—Silver Medal in Bocce Unified Team

Kurtis S— Silver Medal in Bocce Unified Team

**Congrats to our Olympians!!!!!!**

**Easterseals Employment Services (NFES)**  
**News**

**We Accept Ticket to Work Clients**

Ticket to Work is a Social Security Administration program for individuals who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and want to get back into the workforce. This program is locally managed by Easterseals Posey County (ESPC) through a designation called an Employment Network (EN). As an EN, ESPC can assist individuals with determining a work goal, writing a comprehensive résumé, improving interview skills, applications and interviews, and follow along during employment to ensure continued success.

The idea behind the Ticket to Work program is for individuals to eventually work their way off of Social Security benefits. This is accomplished through the use of available work incentives that help individuals test their work skills and stamina while still receiving benefits. ESPC has an accredited staff to explain these work incentives to beneficiaries.

By participating in the Ticket to Work program individuals can learn how to get and keep a job, increase their income, explore work options, build their self-esteem, and feel more confident.

If you or someone you know receives either SSDI or SSI benefits and would like more information about the Ticket to Work program, please contact Donna Kohlmeyer, Employment Specialist at Easterseals Posey County by calling 812-838-0636.



# WORK CENTER ACTIVITIES

On Friday, August 9th the Blue Heron Farm from Chandler, Indiana, brought out 2 of their Nigerian Dwarf Goats - Indiana and Captain Marvel - to meet and interact with everyone. The goats, I mean Indiana and Captain Marvel, behaved like little ladies...for the most part. Everyone loved the visit.



## Worker of the Month

Easterseals Posey County

February - Kasey B.

March - Mark N.

April - Michael S.

May—Timothy A.

June—Tim W.

July—Vinny G

Every month one of our workers is awarded the *Worker of the Month* award. Supervisors vote on who they believe is the *Worker of the Month*. The supervisors rate them on attendance, attitude, willingness to follow directions, working up to their abilities, relationships with others in the work center, number of injury reports, overall safety awareness, personal hygiene, and willingness to assume new responsibilities.





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## Mission Statement

Assist persons with disabilities to realize their goals of living, learning, and working in the community.

## Get on the List

Get on the email mailing list and receive important information about upcoming events, facility closings, schedule changes, and information about daily activities at Easterseals Posey County.

Email Jerilyn Erwin at [jerwin@pcrsinc.org](mailto:jerwin@pcrsinc.org) or call 838-0636 to be added.



### Advisory Board 2019

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A United Way Agency  
 Accredited by CARF for 5 programs.

## Easterseals Employment Services

a division of  
 Easterseals Posey County

Serving individuals in Posey,  
 Vanderburgh, & Warrick Counties

### Our Mission

To help people with disabilities and disadvantages to realize their full potential and achieve their personal and vocational goals.

Easterseals Employment Services has been accredited by CARF for the following Community Employment Services:

- Job Development
- Job Supports
- Job Site Training

### ARE YOU READY TO WORK?

We accept



clients!



**Easterseals Posey County (formerly Posey County Rehab Services) has been providing job opportunities and meaningful day activities to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Posey County since 1984. We have a 7,000 square foot Production Area, warehouse space, a fleet of vehicles, and an amazing workforce that is ready and willing to serve you. In addition to paper shredding services, our capabilities include sorting, packaging, assembly of products, and performing recycling tasks.**